

# Plummer News

## DATES OF INTEREST:

- Regular City Council Meeting Thursday May 13th at 6:00p.m.

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State Service Office Matthew Ranstrom will be at the American Legion Building 888 C Street, Wednesday's from 10 AM to 3PM. No appointment is necessary for this initial visit to our area. Veterans are encouraged to stop by for a visit/consultation. Coffee/Cookies will be provided.

## Plummer Gateway Fire Protection District

Volunteers needed for fire or ems contact the Plummer Gateway Fire Protection District at 208-686-1313.

**Burn Permits are required in city limits starting May 10th 2021**

## Native Touch Nail Salon

Native Touch Nail Salon is featuring local artists and now have a gift shop. Stop by Native Touch Nail Salon to see what our local artists are doing and the opportunity to see some of the work. There are items such as sweaters, blankets, jewelry, cutting boards, soaps and lotions. Native Touch Nail Salon is open Tuesday thru Thursday 8:00am to 7:00pm

## Message from The Mayor

Things are progressing nicely. Our two main projects, the electric infrastructure and the fiber optic SCADA are winding down. Still waiting on final design and funding release from USDA on the Senior Center project. Hopefully, by end of summer the Senior will have a place of their own. Next big thing coming down the pike is the Biden Administrations infrastructure funding. Idaho is supposed to get something to the tune of \$1.8 billion, but that number seems to change depending on which side of the "partisan aisle" you're standing on, which is supposed to be distributed to communities throughout the state to address our crumbling infrastructure issues. I don't give a rat's behind about the "partisan stance," I just want access to adequate funding to take care of our immediate infrastructure needs, and for us, it's water, sewer, and streets. We've already addressed our electric infrastructure. That shouldn't have to be confronted again in about 40 years. We've taken steps **toward** our sewer plant issues, but there is more. Just so you're aware, the average lifespan of a 3 inch mat of asphalt paving is 15 to 20 years with decent maintenance. If it's concrete, it's 20 to 30 years. Water and sewer mains/laterals is about 40 years. So I've been bugging our reps and senator, as well as the governor that if they keep talking about "investing in Idaho," to put their money where their mouths are and invest in the communities that make up the greatest proportion of Idaho, i.e., the rural communities with populations < 2,000 residents. If the "powers that be" would actually **commit** and invest in us, rather than just run their mouths, that investment would carry for just shy of half a century. We'll see what happens. But we are getting set up to apply for anything that might become available and most anything we need done is "shovel ready" in practical terms. As you all probably know by now, Les Hall retired. We'll miss him! I hope he enjoys his retirement. We are in the process of putting together the framework to replace him with help from other municipalities, ICRMP, and other police departments. This is a new experience for us. We've never had to hire a police chief before. We need to make sure our ducks are in a row and Sara is on it! That's about it for now! Nice to see the spring season warming up though. I'll say that!

**Mayor William Weems**

## Library News

"Tails and Tales" is the theme of this year's Summer Reading Program at Plummer Public Library. The program is designed to help prevent "summer slide" reading loss in school age children through 9th grade. Sign up forms will be available at the library May 24th - June 12th. Program begins June 17th and activities will be outdoors, weather permitting. For more information please contact the library at 208-686-1812.